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I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled COMPOUND BONE STRUCTURE OF ALLOGRAFT TISSUE WITH THREADED FASTENERS by the inventors, JOSEPH A YACCARINO, III, ARTHUR A GERTZMAN and RAYMON FERRARA, described in:

[X	X]	the specification filed herewith
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